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## G. F. STEGER'S AGENTS HIT GREEKS HARD

Operations Will Cause Heavy  
Losses to Foreigners in  
Nearby Cities

The foreign tongued agents employed by George F. Steger of the Steger and Sons Piano Manufacturing Company at Steger, Ill., who is alleged to have incurred debts amounting to more than a million dollars as a result of his offering usurious interest on personal loans, have been working in Gary and other cities of the Calumet region for the past three years, was first revealed by a Times reporter yesterday.

When the news became public yesterday that Steger would no longer be able to pay the usurious interest, a half a dozen or more foreign speaking agents of Gary, most of them of Greek nationality, sought legal advice.

Although it is impossible to learn any official figures at this time, it is believed that Steger's borrowing has indebted him over \$100,000 in Gary alone. It is also said that his agents made loans in East Chicago, Hammond and other cities in the Calumet region's foreign settlements.

Yesterday in the neighborhood of seventy-seven Gary Greeks who have been loaned to Steger ranging from \$50 to several thousand dollars, called a meeting which was held last night and will take steps through their attorney to collect their money loaned to the broken financial dabbler. Not until two weeks ago when Steger failed to pay his usurious rate of interest, did those who lent him money have any fear that the piano king was unable to pay it back. It is a known fact that one Gary Greek did have his suspicions and went to Steger and made a demand for his money.

He found Steger in his office, pale and worried. According to the Gary man who asks that his name be kept secret, he presented a check for \$1,500 on a Steger, Ill. bank and returned the money. Steger refused to cash it and angered the lender threatened him with arrest, and publicly if he did not pay it and left the office. It was while he was waiting at the station at Chicago Heights for a train to bring him to Gary, that an agent rushed up in an automobile, jumped out of the machine and presented him with the money.

This same man claims that he presented his case to the editor of the Chicago newspaper and it was through the investigations of the newspaper that Steger's borrowing was brought to public attention.

Until recently Steger had always paid the interest on the loans in Gary. When Steger's agents first visited Gary some three years ago, they promised 32 per cent interest and when due, the financial wizard never failed to pay. Several months ago the interest was increased from 32 to 40 per cent according to those who lent their money to Steger.

Often the interest was never drawn by the lender and was compounded when due the next time. Yesterday the writer had the opportunity of seeing a number of the checks given by Steger as a receipt. They were for \$1,500 each and were on the Bank of Steger and the First National Bank of Steger. Presentation has been made at these banks, but were not cashed according to the story of several Gary Greeks.

Steger received from Chris Steger, brother of the disillusioned financier, give out the information that every legitimate claim will be paid.

## AMERICAN STATE TO BUILD NEW HOME

Choice Property Bought by  
East Chicago Financial  
Institution

One of the largest purchases of vacant property that has been reported in many months was made yesterday when the American State Bank of East Chicago became the owners of the choice lots located on the southwest corner of Chicago and Madison avenues. The site measures sixty feet on Chicago avenue and one hundred feet on Madison and is generally considered to be the choicest piece of vacant property that is now available. The deal was consummated by Clarence C. Smith, of the Smith-Hamilton Co. It is understood that the bank will erect a fine banking home on this site as soon as building conditions will permit. The location is within a stone's throw of the main four corners of the city and will make a very favorable place for banking business.

The other three corner sites at Chicago and Madison avenues will also be the scene of extensive building operations. Earl McKinnley, the hardware merchant, Albert Given and the Elk's Club hold these locations and they expect to erect fine structures on these properties very soon. These new buildings will form a new trade center and only to the corner at Chicago and Forsyth avenues.

The American State Bank is the youngest institution in the city, but its strength has grown by leaps and bounds until it ranks favorably with the other older banks in East Chicago. The officers of the bank are H. K. Groves, president; John B. Brown, vice-president; Abe Ottenheimer, vice-president; and Joseph W. Dunsing, cashier.

## DEATH LIST A HEAVY ONE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Four hundred men have been killed in the fighting at Fiume and thousands wounded, according to a Central News dispatch from Paris today, quoting reports previously received in the French capital. The fighting at Fiume was said to have been more severe than originally reported.

## POISONED GIRLS RUSHED TO THE HAMMOND HOSPITAL

### THREE GIRLS POISONED AT PLANT

Condensed Milk May Have  
Caused Serious Condition  
Of Young Women

Three girls are in a critical condition at St. Margaret's hospital, Hammond, the result of acute poisoning believed to have been caused by condensed milk served at the restaurant of the Western Steel Car & Foundry company at Hegewisch. Several other girls employed at the plant are also ill, but their cases are milder.

The girls in St. Margaret's hospital are:

Miss Della Koscielniak, 134 Towle street, Hammond.

Miss Mary Moore, Hegewisch.

Miss Louise Krul, Hegewisch.

The girls were taken sick immediately after eating their noon-day meal at the plant restaurant. Misses Koscielniak, Moore and Krul were seized with cramps and suffered terrible agony. The Emmerring ambulance was called and they were rushed to St. Margaret's hospital where milder cases were treated at the plant.

The patients on reaching the hospital were immediately given treatment for acute poisoning and although relief was afforded they still suffered from cramps occasionally for some time after reaching the institution.

Chemists are now making laboratory analysis of the contents of their stomachs in an effort to determine what was responsible for the sickness. It is believed that condensed milk used on the table had become contaminated from the tin can because all of the girls which used the milk in their coffee were taken ill.

The attending physicians were unable to state at a late hour this afternoon what the outcome of the three hospital cases would be. They agreed that the conditions of the three girls were serious, but further than that would not venture a conjecture until the results of the chemical analysis became known.

### INDIANA FOLK HURT IN BIG FOLK WRECK

Train Jumps Track at  
Switch, One Coach  
Overturned

(BULLETIN)  
UNION CITY, Ind., Dec. 29.—Violent collisions, 20 Marcella Culbertson, 6, and their brother Otto, 3, are dead today as a result of a crossing crash at Harrisville, west of here, late yesterday, when the automobile in which they were riding, was struck by a Big Four passenger train. The train, reported to have been the one wrecked shortly afterward at Ansonia, O., was said to have been running fast to make up lost time.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
UNION CITY, Ind., Dec. 29.—George Ruster, engineer, is dead and seven passengers today are suffering injuries, some serious, as a result of the wrecking of a Big Four passenger train at Ansonia, O., last night. The train, bound from Indianapolis to Cleveland, jumped the track at a switch and the locomotive and one coach overturned.

Mike McMahon, Bellefontaine, O., baggage man, was crushed about the chest and his legs were scalded. Ohioans who suffered lesser injuries are Miss Nona Graham, Cleveland; J. K. Hord, Martelle; Mrs. W. L. Uilem, Harrison, Ill.; B. E. Marston, Jr., L. Byrne, Bellefontaine; Mrs. F. L. Byrne, Bellefontaine; F. G. Winner-gardner, Bellefontaine and Jack Tuttle, Wellington.

Others hurt include Mrs. J. T. Decker, Broxton, Mass.; Mrs. H. M. McMahon, Lafayette, Ind.; Mrs. Murphy, Connersville, Ind.; Mrs. Rachel Williamson, Union City, Ind.; Mrs. Richards, Indianapolis; W. F. Ostendorf, Detroit, Mich.

Some of the injured were brought here and others were taken to Bellefontaine.

### SAYS TAX LAWS SHOULD NOT CHANGE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—No radical changes should be made in the state tax laws and few if any minor alterations should be effected, as long as the provisions of the state constitution remain as they are, is the view of the committee appointed by Governor-elect McCray is reported to have expressed in a report to him. The committee's report, it was said today, does not take up the question whether appellate control over bond issues should be vested in the state tax board or another body. Eben Wolcott, John Brown and James W. Noel comprise the committee appointed to investigate the tax situation.

### \$150,000 FIRE IN SOUTH BEND

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 29.—Fire late last night gutted the three story building of the Havana Importing company, cigar makers, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

### Offer Wilson \$150,000 For Single Article

President to Choose His  
Own Subject and Make  
Story Any Length

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The enormous sum of \$150,000 in cash for a single newspaper article has been offered by President Wilson. It was learned today. The offer was made by a well known syndicate, the only stipulation being that it be the first article to be written by the president after leaving the White House. The president was to choose his own subject and the article was to be of any length that he desired, or he wished, the subject could be covered in a series of several articles.

In refusing the offer the president is said to have given his reason that no article that he or any other living being could write could be worth so much money and that it would be taking advantage of the syndicate to accept it.

Competition is becoming very keen among publishers and promoters for the handling of the president's literary efforts after March 4. The White House mail is crowded daily with offers, schemes and suggestions from people who see a fortune in the market of Mr. Wilson's prospective works and who want to share it with him. But to all these the president has thus far turned a deaf ear. He has not confided the details of his plans for the future even to his nearest friends beyond stating that he expects to engage in literary work and make a living at it.

### METZ WILL LEAVE CITY FOR OHIO

Hammond Loses a Much  
Respected Booster, Who  
Goes to Realty Field

Hammond suffers the loss of one of its most ardent boosters in Attorney Merrill D. Metz, who is leaving the city to enter a new field. He has joined the well known real estate firm of Morgan & Moore and is moving to Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. Metz has been in close touch with the realty promoters for a number of years and when the firm branched out a year ago and started a building project at Hamilton, Ohio, they had him in mind as the proper man to handle that end of the business. Recently they put the proposition of managing the Hamilton office up to him and he accepted. Metz is in a live wire company, but all who know him believe him fully capable of holding his share of the work up to the standard which will be set by his more experienced associates.

The company has already done considerable building in the Ohio territory and it is expected that fully 100 more houses will be put up during the coming year.

Mr. Metz came to Hammond eight years ago after getting his degree from the law school. He has practiced here since and has prospered. A large factor in his success has been his sterling character and his ability to make friends on first acquaintance.

When McKinley took F. & A. M. was organized in Hammond two years ago, Mr. Metz was chosen as the first worshipful master and was largely instrumental in making the new lodge a success from the start.

Under the present administration he served as city sealer of Hammond, but tendered his resignation at the last session of the city council. His successor has not been appointed.

### SUES TO RECOVER INSURANCE CLAIM

Mrs. Paula John, widow of the late Steve John of East Chicago, has brought suit in the Hammond superior court to collect on a life insurance policy for \$10,000 which Mr. John has taken out only about three months before he died.

On July 19 Mr. John is said to have paid a premium of \$250.00 and received the policy from the Travelers Life Insurance company. His death occurred on Oct. 29. The widow says she filed proof of loss on Nov. 18, but that the company denies liability and refused to pay the claim. She is asking for judgment of \$10,000 with interest at 6 per cent from Oct. 29. Riley, Hemmoff, Dyer & Reed are her attorneys.

### DEATH OF AGED HAMMOND CITIZEN

The funeral of Jerry O'Brien, one of the oldest residents of Hammond, was held Monday morning at his former home at Greencastle, Ind. Mr. O'Brien was 81 years old and during the last four years had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hannah Carroll, 17 1/2 mile street, Hammond.

His death occurred at 7 o'clock Christmas eve. The body was taken Sunday to Greencastle, where he had resided for years, while employed by the Big Four railroad. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Carroll of Hammond, he leaves a son, John O'Brien, who lives at Elkhart.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The condition of Senator Chamberlain, democrat of Oregon, who was operated on here last week, was unchanged today, physicians at the hospital announced. The senator rested well last night.

### Fire Fiend Busy Today

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—More than 100 guests, many scantily clad, were driven from their rooms in two hotel fires here early today. The first damaged the Calvert Hotel on Wabash avenue and the Wyndmore Hotel in East 15th street.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—Loss estimated at \$12,000 was caused by fire which swept the upper floors of the H. Lieber Co. Art Store at 21 West Washington street today. Many valuable pictures were destroyed.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Damage estimated today at \$100,000 was done by a fire that swept the downtown business district here last night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 29.—Officials today were seeking to ascertain the cause of the fire—the second within a month—at the Wilmington Leather Co., which destroyed the factory and a row of dwellings valued at \$5,000,000. The fire was the most costly in the city's history. The factory covered four city blocks.

### BETZ GIRLS READY FOR RETURN GAME

The Betz girls basketball team will travel to Crown Point Thursday to play a return game with the Letts Manufacturing company of that city. In the game played at Hammond, the Letz girls came out the winner by a small margin of a free throw, the final score being 33-22.

The game will be called at 8:00 sharp. A chartered car will leave Subway street at 8:35 sharp, all those willing to go will be welcomed, the fare will be \$1.50 round trip. A large crowd from the Betz company will accompany the team. The following will be the lineup of the Betz five: H. Schroeder, C. D. Stein, R. J. Schroeder, G. D. Dargington, R. E. Vacker, J. J. Schaub, M. Tiedeman, G. Turner, G. McKinley.

### WILSON PREPARED TO FIGHT CONGRESS

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Wilson administration, during its remaining two months of office, will resist all proposals in and out of congress to impose market prices of liberty bonds and Victory notes by refunding the outstanding issues. Opposition by the president and his chief advisers to practically all suggestions for government action to raise the bond values nearer par is based on the ground that refunding or other steps would tend to perpetuate the war debt and would upset the treasury's well-considered program of debt reduction. The treasury maintains that the liberty bonds and Victory notes at this time are funded obligations and do not require refunding.

### PURSE SNATCHER PLIES HIS TRADE

The despicable purse snatcher, after giving Hammond's girls and women a rest for a long time, once more put in his appearance last night. The victim was Miss Little Fiedler, 1655 Park place, Hammond.

Yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock Miss Fiedler was walking home from the bank and was carrying her black morocco purse under her arm. Near William street on Hohman street, she noticed that a young man was following closely behind her, but gave his presence little thought.

At the street intersection the fellow suddenly snatched the purse from under her arm and dashed east on William street, toward Lyman avenue. He was apparently 20 years old of medium height and weight, well dressed and wore a dark overcoat and cap.

Although police covered the neighborhood for some time after the theft no trace of the man could be found. The purse contained a \$10 bill, some small change and cards bearing Miss Fiedler's name.

### INCREASES CAPITAL TO FIVE MILLION

CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 29.—According to a certificate filed in the office of County Recorder Johnson on Monday, the Hammond Building, Loan & Savings Association has recently increased its capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. A meeting of the officers of the company having been held in Hammond on Dec. 27.

### DEATH OF BABE

Frank Robert Wilson, Jr., 6-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Wilson, 340 Pummer avenue, Hammond, died this morning after a brief illness with stomach trouble. The funeral will be held from the home Thursday morning and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

### LAKE CO. MAN WORK IS STARTED

Americanization Meeting in  
Hammond Last Night At-  
tended By Men From All  
Over County.

Efforts towards co-ordination of the work of various Americanization agencies in Lake county received enthusiastic support and stimulus last evening in a meeting of prominent representatives from various parts of the county at the Hammond federal building.

Dr. Jacob Goldman of East Chicago, one of Americanization's pioneers was instrumental in having the meeting called. U. S. Commissioner Charles Surridge, who for fourteen years has been helping the foreign-born become American citizens, presided at the meeting.

In an introductory address he voiced the need of a country-wide movement. He told of the work which he had observed in cities of the Calumet region and especially commended the citizenship schools of Whiting which have been backed by the Standard Oil Co. and which have a large attendance. Unfortunately Whiting was not represented at the session.

An interesting address was then given by William M. French, vice chairman of the Americanization department of the Chicago Association of Commerce. He described the work which his department has carried on successfully in that city where all of the various agencies are pulling together. There the best results are being achieved in the industries, schools and in the homes of the immigrants. Generally at noon a half hour is devoted to the class. Sometimes the employers donate the time; sometimes the workmen prefer to do it on their own time but generally the time is split "fifty-fifty."

Mr. French told of the stockyard strike as an example of the interest the men take in their classes. When the men were called out at the Armory (Continued on page ten.)

### NEW SHERIFF IS SURPRISED

Last evening saw the culmination of a county-wide movement among the friends of Sheriff-elect H. Olds, at a meeting in the council chamber, at the city hall of East Chicago.

Mr. Olds was presented with a diamond studded gold star, which was made possible by popular subscription in recognition of his past record. The presentation address was made by Mayor Leo McCormick, in the absence of County Chairman John Killgiver, who sent his regrets and stated that it was necessary for him to attend the Bar Association meeting, as it's secretary.

Mayor McCormick sketched the life of Sheriff-elect Olds and told of their many years of friendship in the Rolling Mills and then entered upon careers of civic usefulness. Many incidents of Mr. Olds' character were mentioned and his record from childhood in Brazil, Indiana, to his present high standing seemed like an old story.

SHERIFF IN TEARS  
When Mayor McCormick presented the star, in the name of the people of Lake county, Mr. Olds stood there in wonder and astonishment. Tears welled in his eyes and coursed down his cheeks. He did not intend to hide his emotion and was not ashamed of the evidence, for it was a moment when a strong man was touched to the heart. After composing himself, Mr. Olds said that he would give his course so that he would be entitled to the honor.

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### LAKE CO. MAN BADLY WANTED

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### FORD PLANT CLOSED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—The Ford Motor company has closed its Detroit plant indefinitely, it was learned on excellent authority today. The plant, which was closed on Dec. 24, for its annual inventory, will not re-open until late in the new year. It was stated. The close down is due to the present business depression. It was stated. Fifty thousand men will be thrown out of work.

### ORDERED TO TAKE FUME

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Gen. Cavallia, Italian regular commander, who took Fiume at all costs, but has ordered to avoid bloodshed if possible, according to advices to the state department today. The advance of Gen. Cavallia is necessarily slow, the report said, and yesterday he encountered some opposition with slight casualties.

### Sportsmen Advocate New Laws

Will Perfect Organization  
at Meeting in Hammond  
Tonight

A number of new fish and game laws are being recommended by the State Department of Conservation and bills are being drawn to be introduced at this session of the legislature. At the meeting tonight for Kankakee River Valley sportsmen at the Hammond City Hall, State Organizer A. E. Bodine will discuss these bills in detail. Among them may be mentioned:

A closed season on black bass during the spawning time, from May 1 to June 15.

Bag limit of ten per person on rabbits.

A more uniform fur-bearing animal law.

A bill declaring state ownership of fish and game.

State supervision of lakes, streams and marshes.

Definition of a private pond and also of what constitutes a game fish.

Conforming state and federal statutes on migratory birds.

Requiring a license to fish outside of one's own county.

The first thing on the program tonight will be the perfection of a fish and game protective association with headquarters at Hammond. Sentiment seems to be very favorable to this, Mr. Bodine asserts. It is the reason for calling the sportsmen together.

This club can be of great service in obtaining needed legislation, states Mr. Bodine, and will be of great benefit in bettering conditions in Lake and adjoining counties. The state department needs the co-operation of associations and shipments of fish and game will be made to clubs direct, upon application by the officials.

### FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT O'BRIEN WAS KILLED

Undertaker Says That No  
Powder Marks Were on  
Aviator's Body

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
MOMENCE, Ill., Dec. 29.—Further evidence that Lieut. Pat O'Brien, hero aviator, who died in his room in a Los Angeles hotel Dec. 18, did not commit suicide but was killed by a shot fired from some distance, was elicited today from J. E. Melvey, undertaker, who made a careful examination of the body upon its arrival here for burial here a few days ago.

Questioned by relatives of O'Brien, who are determined upon further investigation of the former bird-man's death, Melvey declared today that there were no powder-marks or burns about the wound and that the shot must have been fired "from some distance."

Contrary to the statements of Los Angeles authorities yesterday and at the time of Lieut. O'Brien's death, Melvey declared that O'Brien had not been shot through the mouth and that only one bullet had taken effect and it had passed from the right temple to a point just above the hair line on the left temple.

"I made a careful examination of Lieut. O'Brien," Melvey said, "and I found no evidence at all of a bullet having been fired through the mouth and emerging from the top of the head. There is only one fracture in the skull and this was just above the hair line on the left temple, where the bullet had evidently emerged. There were no powder marks or burns about the wound, which had been filled with gelatin by the Los Angeles undertaker."

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### 5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Att. Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer probably will be called before the senate reconstruction and production committee regarding his alleged differences with Ivan W. Simms, special prosecutor for the department of justice in the Indianapolis coal case, it was announced today.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
ARKANSAS CITY, KANS., Dec. 29.—Police and railroad detectives today were searching for handbills who looted the American Railway Express office here of \$10,000 in cash and jewelry. The bandits broke into the office and carried away a \$50 pound safe.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
LAWRENCE, MASS., Dec. 29.—Banks of Lawrence local Amalgamated Textile Workers of America are split today. Franco-Belgian, Italian, Lithuanian, Jewish weavers and general workers have voted to follow Ben Legere into the "one big union" plan.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, will leave Washington today for Marion, O., where he will confer with President-elect Harding on the international program to be offered by the Harding administration soon after March 4 next.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 29.—Officials of the Ford Motor Co. today refused to make any public statement regarding the indefinite closing down of the Ford plant by which from 40,000 to 50,000 men were thrown out of work.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 29.—A new police investigation into the death here on December 18th of Lieut. Pat O'Brien, famous hero aviator, supposedly shot and killed himself in a room in a local hotel, was ordered today by Chief of Police Pendegast.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Great Britain is sending a special financial envoy to the U. S. to confer with regard to a definite agreement for the funding of the \$10,000,000 loan to the allies by the U. S. Secretary of Treasury Houston announced this afternoon.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Some what baffled by his failure to secure information from the White House executive offices, Senator Ashurst of Arizona, this afternoon thrust policemen and clerks aside and went to the White House announcing that he intended to see President Wilson.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 29.—The Indiana republican state committee today fixed January 15 as the date for organization of city committees preparatory to the campaign for the election of mayors of Indiana cities.

### MANY SEE FINE PICTURES

It just seems as though Hammond people can't get enough of Mary Pickford and Harold Lloyd, who are holding forth at the De Luxe theater. Mary is piling up friends by her work in "Tolland", while Harold, who can get by with most any old vehicle in the way of a scenario, is going over strong with "High and Dizzy". Both plays are considered the best for the particular line of the stars that they have ever appeared in. Capacity houses have greeted the films every day this week and because of the many who would probably have been disappointed because of the cold weather, Manager Charles Michelbacher has succeeded in booking them for Thursday and Friday, when they will be part of double feature bills.

### Death of C. McGraw

Charles McGraw, 31, died last night at 10 o'clock at St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond after a long illness with Bright's disease. Mr. McGraw, who was a member of the Hammond local of the Building Trades Laborers union, is survived by a small daughter, who is living at the Barney Witham home, 31 Douglas street. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Emmerring chapel and burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

### BODY ARRIVES FROM NEW MEXICO

The body of Frank Stefanski, who died in Albuquerque, N. M. last week after an illness of two years, arrived here last night for burial and was taken to Burns morgue. Mr. Stefanski left a wife and three children to mourn his loss and lived in East Hammond. He will be buried on Friday morning from the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Novak.